

## Testimonials

A man can manufacture pills of plaster Paris, bran and flour, and swear they'll cure all human ills—and folks will praise them every hour. And every mail that comes to town will bring warm letters from the guys who tell how they were stricken down with influenza in the eyes. "We tried all medicines and drugs that kindly folks could recommend; we bought such things in kegs and jugs, and porous plasters without end. In vain—it didn't hit the spot; we weaker grew from day to day; in spite of all that costly rot, it seemed that we must pass away. We called a learned physician in, and at our tongue and pulse he looked, and said, with melancholy grin, 'It is no use—your goose is cooked!' Then Grandpa said, 'For mortal ills there is one cure that's simply great: O try the Plaster Paris Pills!' And so we sent and bought a crate. We took ten pills six times an hour, at night we took a dozen more; and to our weakened limbs the power came rushing like a tidal bore." Thus people, over all the earth, are boosting fakes, and mean no harm; oh, what is testimony worth? Is evidence a false alarm?"

## PUPILS GIVE THREE PLAYS.

## Christmas Dramas Are Presented at the Blair School.

Three plays were given by pupils of the Blair School Thursday evening under the direction of the principal, Miss E. F. Goodwin. One of the dramas, "The Last Christmas at College," was written by Emma Marozzi, one of the pupils. Selections were given by L. J. Dwyer, J. Geiger, and Miss M. T. Thayer. Among those who assisted in the entertainment were James Brown, Elizabeth Foley, Cora Fraser, Sidney Goldstein, Helma Gunnell, Jack Hook, Elsie Jones, Louise Kelly, Lily Katz, Emma Lehman, Anton Lebl, Winifred McNamara, Edna Miller, and Elsie Reich. Elva Stennell and Gladys Wright. Members of the senior class of Westminster High School presented "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the school Thursday evening. Those taking part were Hugh Campbell, Edward Fenwick, Daniel Brigham, Kenneth Collins, John Paul Earnest, Tom Peyton, Chester La Follette, Edward Steele, John Cobb, Glendora Gates, Maria Bisset, Dorothy Spicer, Emily Kutz, Kathryn Moran, Christine Dunn, Harry Miller, Florence Fenton, Margaret Mitchell, Louise Finton, Louise Groves, Elizabeth Kwang Kwei, Grace Beach, Elizabeth London, Margaretta Henry, Arline Johnson, and Adeline Grillo. Other Reynolds, Helen Everett, Dorothy Kinckel, Dorothy Mayes, Clara Cooper, Marietta Melvin, Edna Barber, Katherine Stouffer, Kathryn Barker, Louise Cotter, Marion Price, Alice Padgett and Mary B. Byram. Miss Frank Byram was in charge of the music. She was assisted by Misses Margaret Briscoe and Mary B. Byram. Miss Bell Margaret Merrill was director of the play.

## REPUUDIATES INTERVIEW.

## Miss Boardman Denies Making Statement to New York Reporter.

To the Editor of The Star: In the Star of December 25 there was republished a purported interview with me from the American. The interview referred to was a pure fabrication, as I saw no newspaper representative nor spoke to any upon the question of permits from the British government for the shipment of hospital supplies to the central powers. The officers of the Red Cross are very helpful that the matter will be satisfactorily arranged, and great injustice is done by the publication of the fabricated interview.

## CUSICK OUT AS DEPUTY.

## Hands in Resignation to Marshal, Effective January 1.

Patrick F. Cusick has tendered his resignation as deputy United States marshal, to take effect January 1. Prominently among the democratic organizations in this city for the past thirty-five years or more, Mr. Cusick received appointment in the marshal's office under the administration of the first administration of President Cleveland and has since held office continuously. At the time of his appointment he was a member of the District democratic committee, and was taken the campaign in 1895 he organized a democratic marching club.

## THREE ACCIDENTS REPORTED.

## Two Persons Are Injured and a Buggy Is Damaged.

Snowden Southern, 4105 Canal road, complained to the police of damage done to his buggy Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock in front of 2242 M street. He was on his way home, he said, when an automobile approaching from the rear struck his buggy and damaged it to the amount of \$50. Southern was unable to identify the operator of the automobile. John A. Halloran, thirty-five years old, 716 Kennedy street, was thrown from his horse in the Agricultural Department grounds yesterday afternoon. He was riding a horse named "Georgetown" which was thrown from his buggy on Pennsylvania avenue southeast and slightly injured. The accident happened when the horse came frightened at an automobile and shed to one side of the road.

## THEOPHILUS JOHNSON DEAD.

## Restaurant Steward Found Lifeless, With Gas Tube in His Mouth.

Theophilus Johnson, fifty-nine years old, who served as steward at a Pennsylvania avenue restaurant for a number of years, was found dead in bed at his home, 1712 Newton street northeast, yesterday morning. There was the end of a gas tube in his mouth, the police were informed, and it was evident he had ended his life by inhaling the gas. It is stated that Johnson probably had become despondent because he was out of employment. Coroner Newton made an investigation and gave a certificate of suicide. Funeral services will be held at the Newton street home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be at Glenwood.

## Mrs. Julia F. Fischer Dead.

Mrs. Julia Frances Fischer, wife of Ernest G. Fischer, died in Baltimore, Md., suddenly last Tuesday. Mrs. Fischer had been a resident of this city for many years. Funeral services were held at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Martha B. Fischer, 154 York avenue northwest, Friday, interment being in Rock Creek cemetery.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—They Were Well Mated.

"DEAR THIS IS FELIX A CHAUFFEUR OF HIGH REPUTATION! HE'S GONNA BE A NURSE TO TH' LITOUSSINE I GAVE YOU FOR XMAS!"



"HOW LOVELY! AT LAST WE'RE GOIN' TO BE REAL STYLISH LIKE THOSE JONESES!"



"SOME CHAUFFEUR HEY? ANYBODY COULD TELL HE WAS ONE BY LOOKIN' AT HIM! HOW 'BOUT IT?"



"HIM? I DON'T KNOW!"



"WHAT DO YA MEAN 'Y DON'T KNOW?"



"WELL, TH' POOR CHAP SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BADLY USED!"



"WHAT'S TH' DIFF? HE'LL MATCH OUR LITOUSSINE, IT'S A USED CAR!"



"AINT IT?"



## By POP.

HASTY RETREAT.

POP.

## SAYS CAUSE OF DISEASE IS MENTAL, NOT PHYSICAL.

## Virgil O. Strickler Lectures on Christian Science at Poli's Theater.

Declares Healing of the Sick Is Not the Primary Object in View.

That the body is nothing but a conglomeration of chemical elements, including lime, water, chalk and a few other things, and that mind is everything, was the assertion of Virgil O. Strickler, member of the board of lecturers of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, in the second of his series of lectures given in Poli's Theater yesterday afternoon. Mr. Strickler was introduced by Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, and his address was heard by a large audience.

## Recognizes the Difficulties.

"I know how hard it is for persons who are not acquainted with the teachings of Christian Science to understand what is meant by mental causation," the speaker said. "Humanity has been accustomed for centuries to consider that all causation is vested in matter, that when we begin to discuss the subject of mental causation we are dealing with something that is unfamiliar to many."

## Result of His Research.

"I then learned that there could be no more intelligence or sensation in matter when in the form of flesh, bones and nerves than when in the form of dirt or stone, which fact is proved whenever an object is given to a person, and the human mind is put to sleep. The body may then be cut and gashed and the nerves lacerated, without the slightest indication of intelligence or sensation."

## Alleges "Invaluable Service."

"At this point Christian Science performs an invaluable service to mankind by explaining how each one may take possession of his body and govern it harmoniously. Christian Science here declares that no one is under any obligation whatever to allow the so-called mortal mind to dictate the course of his life, but that he may live, but, upon the contrary, it is the right and privilege of every one to be governed by the law of spirit and of the so-called laws of matter, and that by telling the truth to mortal mind, and thereby destroying false belief, to preserve his body in health."

## To Accommodate Washington Branch.

congregations Baltimore & Ohio will hold 12 noon service until 12:30 on December 24 and 25.—Advertisement.

## ALL INDEBTEDNESS CANCELED.

## Wesleyan Pentecostal Church to Burn Mortgage at Services.

Special services are to be held Sunday afternoon at Wesleyan Pentecostal Church, D street between 3d and 4th streets, at which time the mortgage on the church and other documents representing church indebtedness, now canceled, are to be burned. Announcement was made last night of the services, which also will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of Rev. H. B. Wesley.

## Meeting Postponed One Month.

The regular meeting of the New England Women of Washington, which was to have been held this evening, has been postponed for one month, owing to the illness of the president of the organization, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main. The meeting is to be held the fourth Monday in January.

## DISCUSSION OF CHANGE IN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

## Proposition Advocated by the District Commissioners Regarded by Association as "Questionable."

At a recent meeting of the Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association the committee on schools, of which William S. Torbert is chairman, called attention to the recommendation of the Commissioners relative to radical changes in the public school system of the District. In this connection the report of the committee read as follows:

"The committee suggests that the recommendation relative to the abolition of the present board of education and vesting of arbitrary power in the Commissioners of the District of Columbia is one worthy of the most careful consideration of the people of the District."

## Changes Rated "Questionable."

"It is submitted that the board of education, as at present constituted, and heretofore, has done its work well, and that it is at least questionable whether the radical change recommended is necessary or desirable. That the members of the board of education should be selected by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia seems anomalous; that they be selected by the Commissioners of the District would seem to be a step in the wrong direction."

## MRS. JANE E. RATCLIFFE DIES.

## Expires on Christmas Day, Following Long Illness.

Mrs. Jane E. Ratcliffe, a lifelong resident of the District, died Christmas day at Woodmont, Va., following a long illness. The funeral is to be held tomorrow morning from the residence of her son, Mr. J. E. Ratcliffe, 411 A street southeast, with regular mass at St. Peter's Church at 9 o'clock. Interment is to be in Oak Hill cemetery.

## FEES ON SLIDING SCALE.

## Herbert L. Davis, Court Auditor, Adopts New System.

A sliding scale of fees has been put into effect by Herbert L. Davis, auditor of the District Supreme Court, under authority of an order of the general term. The auditor regrets a misstatement in some newspapers that he is to require more statements from fiduciaries. The rule of court requires annual inspection of securities by the auditor, and Mr. Davis says he has no inclination to demand more than the fee of court provide.

## GO INTO WINTER QUARTERS.

## Power Yachts Habana and Benjamin N. Out of Service.

To be placed in winter quarters the handsome power yacht Habana, belonging to Judge John E. Knap, usually based at the water at Bennett's boatyard, foot of 11th street southwest. The craft will be placed under shelter ashore, protected from snow and storms. During the winter she will receive an overhauling and her trim for service next season.

## GIFT FROM HAWAIIAN WOMEN.

## Arrives at the White House for Mrs. Wilson.

The Daughters of Hawaii, an organization of native Hawaiian women of the best classes, headed by former Queen Liliuokalani, have sent to Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, a rare gift as a wedding present. The beautiful box containing the present was sent in sufficient time to have reached here before the wedding, but was delayed in arrival and was conveyed to the White House today by J. Kubio Katanianalo, the Hawaiian delegate in Congress. It is a magnificent scarf made of a rare Hawaiian cloth, woven by hand by members of the Daughters of Hawaii, and handiwork of the island. With the present, which is inside a lavishly made box of the costliest mahogany, is a personal message to Mrs. Wilson from the former queen, expressing the earnest felicitations of the native women of Hawaii for the future happiness of President and Mrs. Wilson.

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## HIGH INFANT MORTALITY IF MOTHERS WORK OUT.

## Federal Children's Bureau Says Fewer Babies Die Who Have Constant Maternal Attention.

The death rate in the United States among babies of mothers who work outside their homes far exceeds the infant mortality where the mother is not so employed.

This is brought out in the annual report today of the federal children's bureau, which is conducting an inquiry into the social and economic causes of babies' deaths. The report shows an average infant death rate of 134 out of every 1,000 babies in a steelmaking and coal-mining town, as against the rate of eighty-four out of every 1,000 in a residential suburb. An even greater contrast is found between the most congested section and the choicest residential section in each of these two communities.

## Needs of the Rural Child.

Commenting upon these findings, the report says: "The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality." The report adds, however, that it is impossible to determine the relative importance of the high death rate among babies of working mothers who are employed in industry.

## LOCAL MAIL RUSH ENDED.

## "Everything Up." Extra Force at Post Office Is Laid Off.

The Washington city post office has made the record of its career this year and today reports "everything up." The extra force of 200 clerks and substitutes called in by the post office to handle the Washington high schools, with the exception of a few, was laid off this morning and the work from this time out, through the heavy New Year mail, will be performed by the regular clerks, carriers and substitutes of the post office force.

## ON TWENTY-MILE TRIP.

## Washington Riders Traverse a Wide Territory Near the City.

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## BEGIN ACTIVE WORK BY AIDING CHRISTMAS CHEER.

## Girls in Stanton Square Neighborhood Form a Civic Society With Sixty Members.

Many of the girls living near Stanton square northeast and attending the Carberry School are to begin their active work in the field this week. One section of the group will help the bureau of charities to deliver Christmas presents.

## Capt. Steward to Speak Before Negro Academy.

## Retired Army Officer Has a Message From Santo Domingo to the Colored Race.

Capt. Theophilus G. Steward, U. S. A., retired, is to be one of the speakers to the annual meeting of the American Negro Academy, which is to convene tomorrow at the 12th street branch of the Y. M. C. A. Capt. Steward is to speak at the evening session, his subject being, "The Message of the Santo Domingo Negro to the American Negro." Capt. Steward is a native of Santo Domingo, and has been in the United States since 1890. He is a member of the American Negro Academy, and has been a member of the Y. M. C. A. since 1900.

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